

## Close of July and entry of August in Kentucky.

### HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODS.

The recurrence of hot, sultry weather, accompanied with thunder storms and heavy showers in Eastern, Central and Western Kentucky, has been both beneficial and injurious to the crops. The wheat in the shock has been damaged by sprouting. East of Louisville there is a good deal of wheat in that condition, as we are informed by Col. Bowman, Commissioner of Agriculture, who came down to this city last Thursday. On the line of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, west of this place, the wheat crop has been mostly threshed, and therefore has escaped damage by the weather. This kind of weather will be very damaging to the spring wheat crops of the Northwest.

The rain was greatly needed by the corn crops—and all those fields that had been well cultivated will produce a heavy yield. Those fields in grass and weeds will make a good fodder crop, but will have but little ear corn.

The tobacco crop seems to be really sick. Everywhere there is some complaint about it, both in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. The most despondent are talking about half a crop.

The heavy rains in Central and Eastern Kentucky during the last of July and beginning of August have caused sweeping floods on the banks of the streams running into the Ohio river and all their little tributaries, which have carried away crops, fencing and houses, amounting in value to more than a million of dollars. Some twenty or more lives have been lost, and stone fences were moved away by the torrents like so much chaff before the wind. Houses that have for over thirty years been out of reach of every rise in the waters, have now been carried away by the floods, and even the oldest persons living along these streams say that this last rise was more sudden and more disastrous than any before known.

July 31st.—The Akron special reports great damage to crops in Summit County by yesterday's heavy rain.

### ANOTHER REPORT.

CINCINNATI, August 1.—The *Times-Star* special reports very heavy rains last night in Kentucky. Both branches of the Licking river at Falmouth are higher than ever known, and are rising three feet an hour. Great damage to crops and bridges is apprehended.

### IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY.

A *Gazette*, Lexington, Ky., special says:—Yesterday's storm has caused great damage to the tobacco and corn crops in all the surrounding country. The small streams became torrents and swept away crops, bridges and fences. The Maysville branch of the Kentucky Central Railroad has been unable to run trains, so many of its bridges being gone.

### ON THE KENTUCKY CENTRAL.

PARIS, August 1.—The heaviest rains ever known at this season occurred last night and this morning. The water damaged the corn fields and other crops, and washed away bridges on the main line and Maysville branch of the Kentucky Central. James Rourke, the section boss, broke his leg at the bridge.

### LOSSES ON THE ELKHORN.

FRANKFORT, August 1.—Further particulars of the flood at Peak's mill were obtained to-day. Mr. Garland Breeding, whose house, barn and horse were washed into the Elkhorn, says that on Friday a very heavy fall of rain occurred and another on Saturday, shortly after which he saw a stream of water about seven feet high and 150 yards wide rushing down the ravine. He was compelled to run for his life, and had just reached the hillside when his house, contents, barn and horse were swept away in the torrent. A Mrs. Brock had a barn filled with oats carried away, and a Mr. Sheets a wagon, from which he had just unhitched his horses, and barely had time to escape with his life. There were about fourteen wagons lost altogether, and much other property, which Mr. Breeding thinks will aggregate over \$2,500. An effort is now being made in the city to get up a subscription for the sufferers.

### IN CARROLL COUNTY.

#### Editor Farmers' Home Journal:

GHEENT, Ky., August 1.—The heaviest fall of rain ever known to the oldest people of Carroll county fell last night. The damage to crops of corn, tobacco and small grain was very great. Many tobacco fields are rendered useless. The damage along McCool's and White's Run creeks is immense. All the bottoms were flooded, and crops of every description were washed away or ruined. Stone as well as rail fences were washed down, and all wooden material carried away. The crops upon hill-sides suffered seriously. No estimate can be made of the loss to farmers in the county by that rain. The residence of Mr. Wm. Griffith, near McCool's creek, two miles back of Ghent, was swept down that stream by the maddened current and torn to pieces. It was a small, frame building, from which Mr. Griffith and his family barely escaped with a small part of their household goods. The farmers cannot now safely calculate on more than a half crop of tobacco in the county. The injury to that crop by former rains with that of last night makes the prospects exceedingly gloomy. Upon the highlands and sandy river bottoms the prospect for a good crop of corn is flattering, notwithstanding the wet weather in June and July prevented its being properly cultivated. Hay crops are the heaviest ever known in this country, but much of it has been seriously damaged by the rains. Pastures are exceedingly fine, and farm stock has become fat.

### August Disturbances.

#### AUGUST FLOODS IN MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

Detroit, August 5. A Grand Rapids despatch of last night says: It has rained here almost continually for forty-eight hours, and considerable damage has been done to the streets and sidewalks and the basements of buildings. In the northern part of the county a large quantity of grain is standing out which is badly damaged or spoiled entirely. East of the city, from Ada to Ionia, the bridges are washed out, dams swept away, and the country badly flooded. The Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee railroad suffers serious loss by having the track washed out. No trains have come from the east to day over that route, and none are expected until tomorrow. The construction train, with all available help, left this city for the washout shortly before midnight. The rain is still falling.

A heavy storm at Saranac swept away all the mill-dams and bridges on Mill creek, several buildings, lumber, and other property, also the railroad bridge. Crops throughout the township are badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The rainfall at Ionia yesterday afternoon and evening was enormous. The water-works reservoirs burst. The streets are flooded, and the cellars and basements throughout the city filled. A heavy washout a mile west of this city on the Detroit, Lansing and Northern railroad will prevent the passage of any trains over that road until Monday. Several culverts within six miles north on that road are reported washed out. The Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee railway bridge at Saranac was carried away.

Columbus, Ohio, August 5. Trains on the Ohio Central railroad are not running farther south than Moxhalla. The loss by the water-spout on Thursday is much greater than first supposed. From three miles north of Corning down to South Bend and up the west branch of the Ohio Central to Buckingham, 18 miles, the track is almost entirely destroyed, and for miles it cannot be observed, the railroad was located there. Most all the live stock in the two valleys have been swept away. It is believed the loss to railroads, mines and private individuals will approximate to half a million dollars.

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Chambersburg, Pa., August 6. Four inches of rain fell here to-day in an hour and a half, and caused damage to the amount of \$5,000 by flooding.

### REPORTED METEORIC SHOWER.

Wheeling, W. Va., August 8. It is reported that a meteoric shower has been prevailing near Fairmount since Thursday. Stones red hot, and varying from an inch to a foot in diameter, falling at intervals of half an hour or less.

Mt. Vernon, August 8.—The storm did considerable damage in Westchester County yesterday. Two boys were reported killed near Armouk.

### GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY NEAR LANCASTER, PA.—BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 8.—Yesterday's storm was very destructive in the southern end of this county. At Refton, on the line of the Quarryville railroad, the railroad bridge was badly damaged and the track washed away. The county bridge, near by, over Beaver creek, was carried half a mile down the stream, which rose 12 feet in an hour. The iron railroad bridge at Cabeen's station was damaged and 100 feet of track washed away, and a bridge on a branch road near the station lifted from the piers. Traffic is completely suspended. A number of exposed cattle were killed by lightning. The growing tobacco in the line of the storm was completely destroyed, entailing heavy loss on the growers.

### DESTRUCTIVE RAIN STORM IN OHIO—EXTENSIVE

#### INJURY TO PROPERTY.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 8.—A Shelby special notes that a waterspout flooded a district two miles wide near that town last evening, destroying crops and creating consternation among the people. The flood subsided almost as rapidly as it rose. One wave two feet high swept down the valley with a terrifying noise. The frequent occurrence of these extraordinary phenomena in this part of the state during the past 10 days excite much comment.

### HEAVY RAINS AT TROY AND VICINITY.

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The rainfall for 24 hours ending at noon to-day, is 2½ inches. The farmers are rejoiced as it will save the corn and potato crop, which were suffering from the long drought.

### A SHOWER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 8.—A smart 10 minute shower at noon and a moderate rain this evening have broken the protracted drought of 19 days. There have been showers in all directions, with vivid lightning.

### DISASTROUS STORMS.

Cleveland, Aug. 9.—Reports continue to come in of the widespread devastation by the recent storms in northern Ohio. A special from Wakeman says the hail in that section, yesterday, cut down the crops and gardens. Thirty bridges were swept away in Holmes County. Oats were totally destroyed; potatoes nearly all ruined; corn greatly damaged. Whole farms on the hillsides were denuded of the soil as well as crops. The decaying vegetable matter on the bottom lands has become offensive, producing sickness. Barns in many places were struck by lightning and burned.

### Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.

Milwaukee, Wis., August 8.—A most terrifying thunder-storm passed over the city at an early hour this morning, doing a great deal of damage. Twelve houses were struck by lightning and several were very badly damaged. Wm. Kappeler, an engineer in Plankinton's slaughter-house, was killed. Lightning struck the place demolishing a forty feet wing and burying the man in the ruins; a half dozen horses and cattle were killed. The rainfall was three inches in four hours and the city was literally flooded, streets torn up, and thousands of dollars' worth of goods in basements destroyed, the local Waukesha train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway was derailed by a washout and the engineer and fireman were fatally injured. All of the passengers except two escaped, and they were badly injured. The total loss from the storm will amount to \$100,000.